House Resolution No. 460

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Charles County, which is celebrating the Fortieth Anniversary of the dedication of its facility in Blanchette Park; and

Whereas, the Boys and Girls Clubs provide a safe and intellectually stimulating environment for youth to grow and develop while teaching them life skills, communication abilities, and problem-solving skills through a variety of enriching and rewarding experiences; and

Whereas, in 1961, the Boys Club Board of Directors launched a campaign to raise money for a new Boys Club building to be located in Blanchette Park; and

Whereas, while approximately 400 individuals contributed their labor to the building of the club, local businessman Ted Schoetker, Chairman of the Building Committee, led the effort as business and labor unions cooperated to make the building a reality; and

Whereas, the new facility was dedicated in 1962, since which time the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Charles County have provided behavioral guidance as well as cultural, recreational, and social programs, computer education activities, tutoring programs, organized athletics, swim lessons, cultural activities, and life skills to St. Charles youth between the ages of eight and eighteen; and

Whereas, the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Charles County are not only a place of recreation, but a place where members experience cultural diversity by having more friends of other races and learn how to be tolerant of others and their differences; and

Whereas, early Board members will be honored by the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors at the Crystal Ball to be held February 22, 2003, at The Columns Banquet Center in St. Charles:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Charles County upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Charles County.

Offered by _______ Representative Vicki Schneider

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 460, adopted February 20, 2003.

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